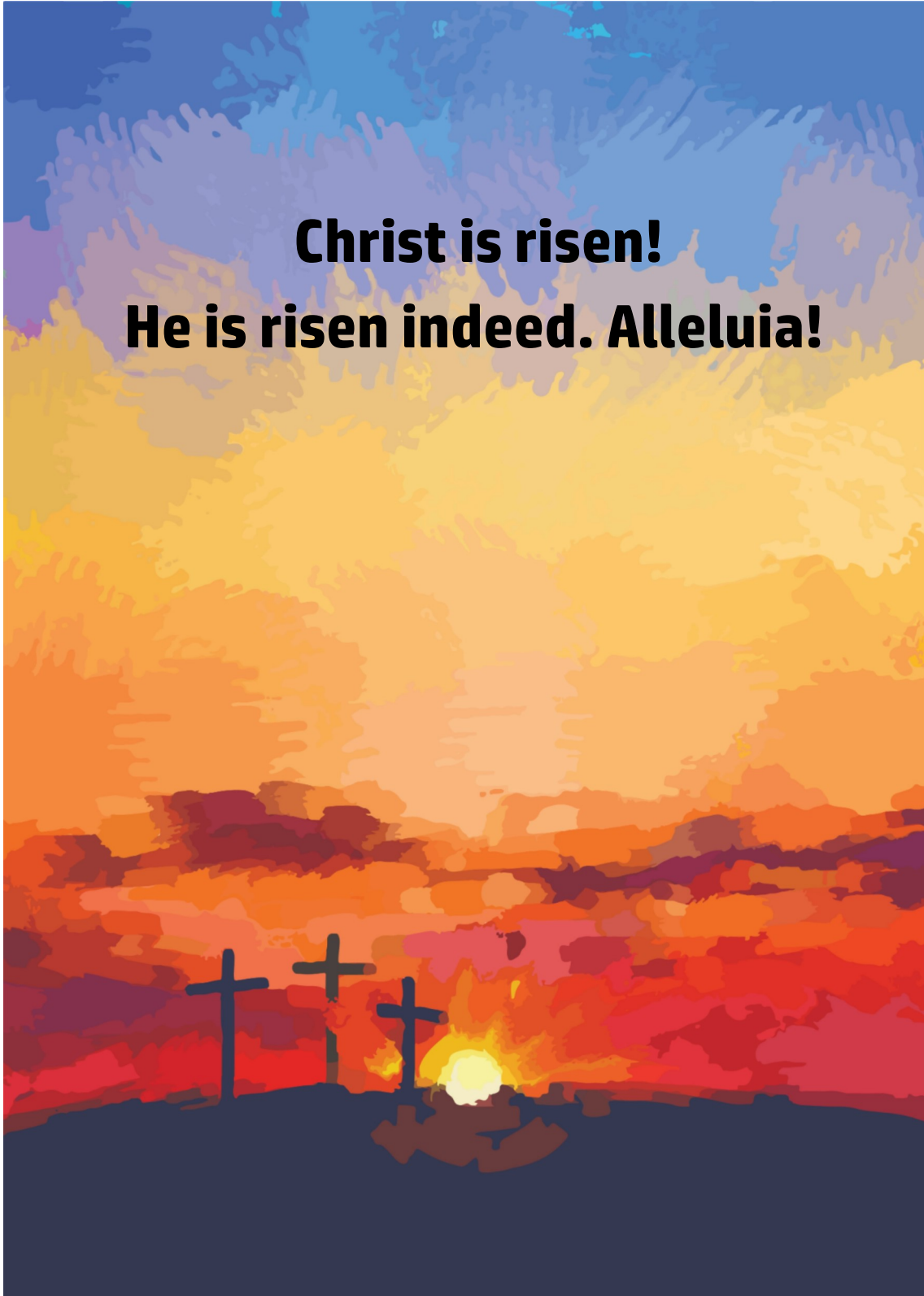


**April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday**



**Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Holy Communion Lutheran Church**  
**A community called to Worship, Learn, Love, and Serve**  
**2000 West Sixth St. Racine, WI**

The beautiful flowering plants in our sanctuary this morning are in honor or memory of:

In loving memory of Vernon Riekema, given by his wife, Carol Riekema  
In loving memory of Dawn Barootian, given by her family  
In memory of Viggo & Florence Svendsen, given with love by their family  
In honor of Alice Barootian, given by her family  
In honor of Joakim Barootian, given by this family  
In memory of George Nissen, given by Jo Nissen  
In memory of Tim Cagle, given by Jo Nissen  
In memory of Ron Eckhardt, given by Jo Nissen  
In memory of loved ones, given by Evelyn Lajiness  
In honor of the suffering people of Ukraine, given by Evelyn Lajiness  
In loving memory of our loved ones, given by Jim, Joleen, and Courtney  
In celebration of our daughter, Courtney Carlson, given with love by mom and dad  
In loving memory of Stan Reske, given by Joni Reske  
In memory of Judy & Earl Bom, given by Sally Born-McReynolds  
In memory of Sandy Bisotti, given by Sally Born-McReynolds  
In memory of Pastor Walter Hermanns, given by Mike & Kim Ackley  
In memory of Dick & Effie Reitsma, given by their loved ones  
In memory of Art & Evy Fox, given by their loved ones  
In memory of Dave Fox, given by his loved ones  
In loving memory of her sister JoAnn Schwartz, given by Lynn Sinclair  
In memory of our loved ones, given by the Sinclair family  
In honor of her grandchildren, given by Linda Godson  
In memory of Edna & Kenneth Sorensen and Ione & Ben Holmquist, given by Linda & Wayne Holmquist  
In memory of George & Naomi Hahner and William & Gertrude Komistra, given by Heidi & Mark Komistra  
In honor of Amelia, Cooper, and Adeline Komistra, given with love by Grandma & Grandpa Komistra  
In memory of Pastor George & Adeline Overdier, given by the Overdier children, Faith, Grace, Carol, and Beth  
In memory of Jack Potter, given by Kate Potter-Barrow  
In honor of Barb Salvo, given by the Bell Choir  
In honor of her friends and family, given by Susan Anderson  
In memory of David & Beverly Berg and Bob & Jan Gall, given by Greg & Kathy Berg  
In honor of the talented musicians of Holy Communion, given by Greg & Kathy Berg  
In memory of Vera & Cliff Rolfson and Tom Rolfson, given by the Rolfson family  
In loving memory of Josephine Beckett, given by her family  
In loving memory of William Beckett Sr., given by his family  
In loving memory of Domingo Chavez, given by the Chavez family  
In memory of Cornelius & Mariane Vander Brug, given by Jill Vander Brug  
In memory of Ray Jeltje, Peter, and Corine Lynn Vander Brug, given by Jill Vander Brug  
In memory of Achille & Harriet Grenier and Eleanor & Jeffrey Bostetter, given by Jill Vander Brug  
In memory of her mom and dad, given by Barb Maier  
In memory of Wayne & Anita Westphal, given by Mike & Wendy Farrell  
In honor of their grandchildren, given by Mike & Wendy Farrell  
In honor of the risen Christ, given by Mike & Wendy Farrell  
In honor of their great niece Delaney Kearns, given by Uncle Greg & Aunt Beverly Nowak  
In memory of her parents, Jerry & Arlene Howe, given by Cheryl Davis  
In memory of her sister, Sandra Krogh, given by Cheryl Davis  
In memory of her daughter, Michele Davis, given by Cheryl Davis



**PRELUDE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC "Psalm 118" (GB) Senior Choir**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed!**

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed!**

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed...ALLELUIA!**

**OPENING HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today hymn 365**

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister

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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC “This Is Why We Sing” Sunday School & Youth Choir and Senior Choir**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

## NOISY OFFERING

### WORD

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare,**

**“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song; and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**‘The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly;**

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord acts valiantly.’”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,**

**and declare the works of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness,**

**I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>”This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**

**and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the Lord has this been done;**

**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

# 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**GOSPEL: John 20: 1-18**

The holy gospel according to John , the twentieth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL RECESSIONAL** *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” vv. 3, 4*

**SPECIALMUSIC** *“Resurrection” (Ray Ruff)* Senior Choir  
*See the lyrics on the back of the bulletin*

**SERMON** Pastor Mark Doidge

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Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## MEAL

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it in heaven.  
Give us this day is our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC “Pie Jesu” (Andrew Lloyd Weber) Lana Buhler and Laura Jansen

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,  
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;  
you have conquered in the fight,  
you have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
newborn souls in you to be.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
you have opened paradise,  
and your saints in you shall rise.  
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

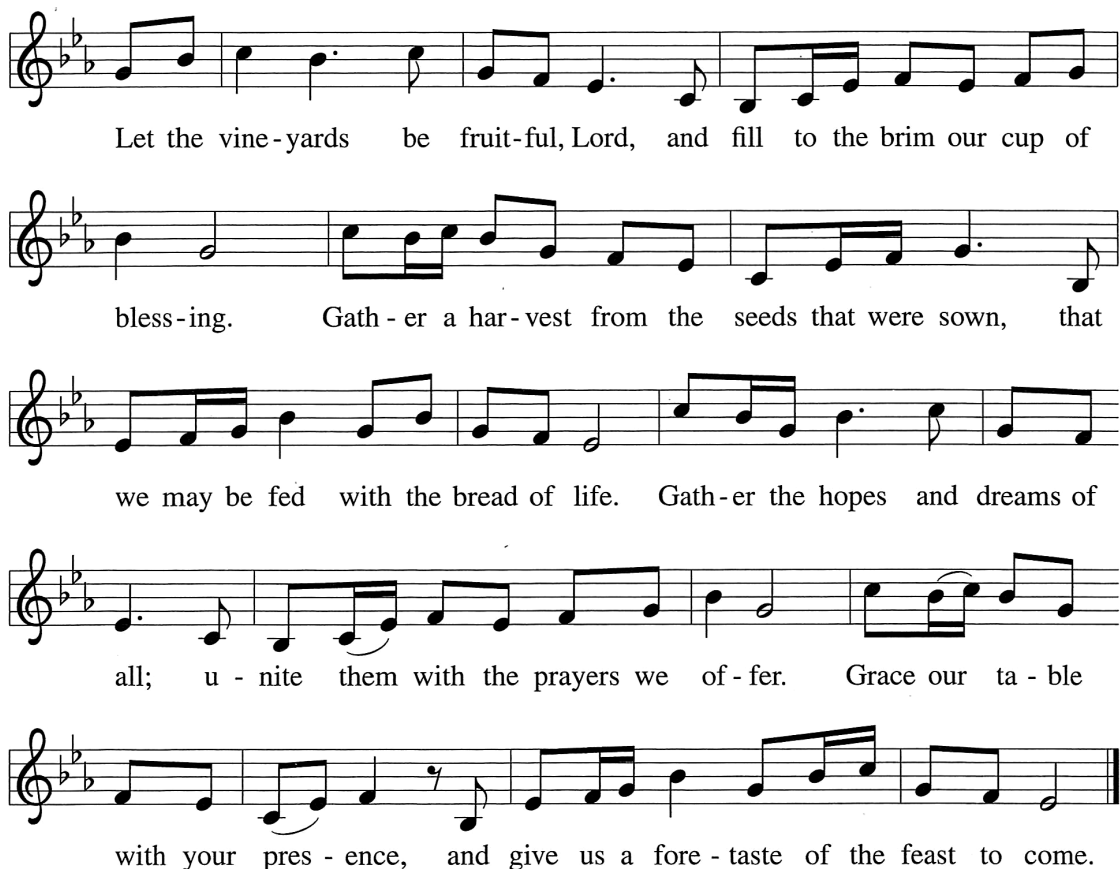
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC “*Earth, Earth Awake*” (Stuempfle/GB) Senior Choir  
*See the lyrics on the back of the bulletin*

## OFFERTORY

# Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the hope of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and each other.

(brief silence)

Risen Christ, in You we find true and everlasting joy. Help us to relinquish all that would draw us away from the gleaming promise of your Gospel. Help us to be more thankful for all of the blessings we have been given, that our lives might be rooted in vigorous gratitude. God of the Resurrection,  
**Hear Our Prayer.**

Risen Christ, in You is Light that is strong and pure enough to drive away all darkness. Share your redeeming Light where all seems to be dark, especially where people's lives have been trampled by the devastation and destruction of war - and in those places where hatred seems so strong. Bestow hope and courage on all who are despairing - and strengthen the resolve of Your people to work for justice and peace. God of the Resurrection,

**Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, in You we can step beyond the pain and fragility of our earthly existence. Bestow your help and healing on all who are bearing difficult burdens of physical, mental or emotional hurts. Today we especially remember.... In our weakness, may we be renewed by Your strength and help. God of the Resurrection,

**Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, in You we find profound comfort and grace in the midst of life's sorrows. Grant your life-giving grace and mercy on all who are mourning losses today - the death of a close friend, the death of a dear family member, the death of a beloved pet ... any kind of loss which leaves behind a painful void. Bless our every remembrance of the dear ones we now name aloud or in our hearts. (pause) Embrace us in our sorrows and restore us to new life. God of the Resurrection,

**Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, in You is Love. Help us to embrace every opportunity to be more loving, gracious and forgiving in every interaction. Make us mindful of the burdens borne by others and nurture in us the gifts of patience and understanding. Help us to find joy and meaning in the simple act of loving one another as You have first loved us. God of the Resurrection,

**Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, in You your Church finds its life, its voice, and its purpose. Rekindle our commitment to Your Word and help us to boldly proclaim it in this hurting world. Bless our congregation and our ministries, that in all we say and do we might reflect Your Spirit that makes all things new. God of the Resurrection,

**Hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, in You is the gift of Life itself. As the cold of winter slowly gives way to the warmth of spring, open our eyes and minds to more deeply comprehend the splendid and fragile beauty of the world you have made. Help us to care for this earth, that our children and our children's children may delight in its wonders and abundance. God of the Resurrection,

**Hear our prayer.**

Renewed by the promise of your Resurrection, we offer these spoken prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts to You, confident of your gracious and abiding Love, made perfect in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior.

**Amen**

## **BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Thine Is the Glory

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
 Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

JUDAS MACCABAEUS  
 5 5 6 5 6 5 and refrain

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Happy Easter!

*Thanks to greeters Lynn Helmke and Laura Hermanns, assisting minister Linda Godson, lector Marianne Jensen, communion assistants Sheri, Carson, and Sawyer Krenzke, audio visual technician Kylee Albright, ushers Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Liesner, and Gary Wood, altar guild Susan Barbee, Val Conner, and Barb Salvo, Kate Potter Barrow and the Sunday School and Youth Choir, Gregory Berg and the Senior Choir, councilperson in charge Rose Adamski, and organist Randy Fischer. We appreciate all of you sharing your time and talents with us today.*

### **Welcome Visitors!**

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Thank you for visiting! Please join us in the lounge after worship for coffee and a time of fellowship.

### **Communion By Intinction**

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are gluten free wafers and grape juice available also in the center. If you are more comfortable taking communion in your pew, individual wafer and juice cups are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.

### **Diaper Ministry**

Thank you to Jill Vander Brug who sponsors the April Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Pat Barlament. We have a number of months in 2026 in need of a sponsor. Please consider supporting the Diaper Ministry by donating \$30 to cover the monthly delivery. Our April distribution dates are April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11AM – 1PM and April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4 – 6 PM. Also, we will be participating in the “Blanket of Love Community Baby Shower” on April 25<sup>th</sup>. This event targets pregnant women and those with babies younger than six months. We are excited to get information about our ministry to those that need it! Contact Kylee Albright [kygregg@mac.com](mailto:kygregg@mac.com) or Amy Larsen [amylarsen2406@att.net](mailto:amylarsen2406@att.net) with questions or to volunteer.

### **Food Pantry**

During the month of April the pantry is asking for donations of 1 lb. pkgs. of rice and spaghetti, small condiments, canned pineapple, and 15 oz. cans of pork & beans. We can also use clean, lightly used grocery store size plastic shopping bags, large brown paper bags, cookbooks, children’s Bible storybooks, greeting cards, and pens and pencils. Many thanks to all who provide food, monetary assistance or volunteer in the pantry. We could not continue this ministry without you!

### **Ketchup Club**

We’re meeting for lunch at The Red Onion, 555 Main St. at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7th. These gatherings are a fun way to “catch up” with old friends and make some new ones! If you know you will be joining us, please let Pastor Laura [pastorlaura.hlc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlaura.hlc@gmail.com) or the office, [office.hlc@gmail.com](mailto:office.hlc@gmail.com) know so we can get a big enough table. If you unexpectedly find yourself available, come join us and we will happily make room at the table for you!

### **Hear the Bells Ring!**

The Holy Communion Lutheran Church bell choir will be participating in the South East ELCA Handbell Festival in April along with 4 other regional bell choirs. Please join us for a delightful afternoon of music at this free will concert! Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church 1700 South Green Gay Rd, Racine.

### **Murder Mystery Fellowship Event April 24th**

Join us for a wedding you will never forget! On Friday, April 24th you are invited to “Til Death Do Us Part” in HCLC’s Hurn Hall. Can you help the hapless couple figure out whodunit so they can say I do? Catered dinner buffet at 6pm, The “whodunit” begins at 6:30. Reservations are required, and tickets are \$40 per person. You can purchase tickets in the lounge or the church office.

### **April Birthday Club**

Do you celebrate your birthday in April? If so, please join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura in the lounge on Thursday, April 9th at 10:00 to enjoy a special birthday song, a yummy birthday donut and celebrate with us! Hope to see you there!

### **Men’s Group**

All men are welcome to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10th for fellowship and discussion with the Men’s Group. Contact Pastor Mark, [pastormark.hclc@gmail.com](mailto:pastormark.hclc@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Third Tuesday Bible Study**

THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets April 21st from 10:00 to 11:30. Rondi Jenkins will host the Zoom meeting at 6010 Potomac Place (262:221-3619). The discussion focuses on Acts 11:19 to Acts 13:3 on pages 102 to 115. This important section tells how the Christian church spread from Jerusalem to Africa and from Jews to Gentiles. Julie Burton will send the Zoom connection the Sunday before the Tuesday morning meeting so anyone can be a part of the discussion.

### **Upcoming Worship, Education, and Fellowship Opportunities**

Sunday, April 5 - 9:30 Easter Worship

Monday, April 6 - No Monday Morning Bible Study

12:30 Food Pantry

6:30 Racine Theatre Guild

Tuesday, April 7 - 11:30 Ketchup Club at The Red Onion

6:30 Racine Theatre Guild

Wednesday, April 8 - 10:00 Book Club

11:00 - 1:00 Diaper Ministry

7:30 Racine Theatre Guild

Thursday, April 9 - 10:00 Birthday Club

6:30 Racine Theatre Guild

Friday, April 10 - 9:00 Men’s Group

12:30 Food Pantry

Saturday, April 11 - 1:00 Racine Theatre Guild

Sunday, April 12 - 9:30 Worship (No Sunday School)

10:30 2nd - 5th Grade Youth Group

1:00 Racine Theatre Guild

Monday, April 13 - 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study

12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, April 14 - 1:00 Quilting Group

### **HCLC Council**

President Joleen Carlson, Vice President Gary Wood, Secretary Laurie Knudson, Treasurer Kylee Albright  
Members at large - Rose Adamski, Steve Barootian, Dave Knudson, Rebecca Mason, and Polly Timmerman

### **Book Club**

For our April meeting, the book club will be discussing Band of Sisters by Lauren Willig. A group of young women from Smith College risk their lives to go to France at the height of World War 1 to volunteer to help French civilians decimated by the German war machine. Kate Moran and 17 other Smith students set off to France. They must cope with the hardships and terrors of the war. The women find themselves navigating old rivalries and new betrayals that threaten the very existence of the Unit. Can the Smith Unit pull together and truly be a band of sisters? Based on a true story.

We will be meeting by ZOOM on Wednesday, April 8 at 10:00. You can get the link from Julie Burton by calling her at 262-639-5914. Or you can join us at Rondi Jenkins home, 6010 Potomac Place. Please call to let Rondi know you are planning to attend, 262-221-5619.

For our May meeting, we will be reading and discussing a timely selection, The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali.

### **ELCA Advocacy**

Our national church has a wonderful advocacy tool for people of faith to use to speak up. You can sign up at [elca.org/advocacy/signup](http://elca.org/advocacy/signup) to get emailed Action Alerts which are prewritten, but editable, messages to send to your representatives. At the state level, the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin, [www.loppw.org](http://www.loppw.org), engages Lutherans in policies that promote peace, justice and care for all of God's creation.

### **Prayer Team**

The HCLC Prayer Team wants to pray for you! Share your joys, sorrows and concerns and your brothers and sisters in Christ will hold you in prayer. There is power and blessing in praying for each other. Send your prayer requests to [amylarsen2406@att.net](mailto:amylarsen2406@att.net). Look for the lavender prayer request cards in the pews. You can write your prayer request on the card and put it in the offering plate, give it to an usher, or take it to the office.

If you would like to become part of the prayer team and receive the prayer request emails once or twice a week, please contact the office or Amy Larsen. And of course, you can always call or email the office to have a name added to the prayers on Sunday morning. For confidentiality reasons we only use first names for our prayers on Sunday mornings and in our prayer emails.

### **Prayer changes things!**

#### **LOUNGE MURAL: Tree of Members**

In our lounge, a large tree mural has been painted on the east wall connecting to the sanctuary. We hope to fill this tree with leaves of our Holy Communion family - current and past members. Help us fill the tree by making a \$10 donation per leaf. The leaves will be placed on the tree blowing towards the sanctuary where we all worship together.

*For where two of three gather in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20*

I would like \_\_\_\_ leaves at \$10 each for a total of \$\_\_\_\_.

Member(s)/family name to be placed on the leaf (please print):

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to HCLC and note "Lounge Tree Mural" in the memo line. Return this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate with your check.*



## **Resurrection (Ray Ruff)**

I have seen him this day. I have walked with Him. I have talked with Him  
though it seems I had no words to say.

And now I want to tell everyone so that they will believe ....

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

And when I saw Him, He called me by name,  
and I knew my Master once again!

His voice was gentle. His eyes were so kind.

He took the sorrow from my mind. HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

He is free again this day, free from everything that once had bound Him  
when the stone of death was rolled away.

And now I want to tell all my friends so that they will not grieve.

So they will believe .... HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

And when He saw them, He called them by name,  
and they knew their Master once again!

His voice was gentle. His eyes were so kind.

He took the sorrow from their minds. HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

## **"Earth, Earth Awake!" (Stuempfle/ GB).**

Earth, earth awake, your praises sing! Alleluia!  
Greet with the dawn Your risen King! Alleluia!  
Bright suns and stars your homage pay. Alleluia!  
Life reigns again this Easter Day! Alleluia!

All nature sings of hope reborn. Alleluia!  
Christ lives to comfort those who mourn. Alleluia!  
First fruit of all the dead who sleep. Alleluia!  
Promise of joy for all who weep. Alleluia!

Winter is past. The night is gone. Alleluia!  
Christ's light triumphant brings the dawn. Alleluia!  
Creation spreads its springtime bloom.  
Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb.

Praise we the Father, Spirit, Son, Alleluia!  
Praise we the victory God has won. Alleluia!  
Praise we the Lamb who reigns above. Alleluia!  
Praise we the King whose rule is love. Alleluia!

## **Finance Update**

### February Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$39,760.55

Expense: \$54,785.73

Net Income: \$(15,025.18)

### Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$115,197.15

Expense: \$120,916.65

Net Income: \$(5,719.50)